carter to go with the bailiffs. No arrest was made, nor did the bailiffs complain to the head constable on duty at the station of any ill-treatment.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—" May I ask whether the Government are aware of a certain high-handed act committed by a police constable in the city of Madura in arresting and handcuffing. . . . . . "

The hon. the President :—" Order, order. This question refers to something which took place in the city of Madras".

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—" I am only referring to a high-handed act committed by a constable. . . . "

The hon. the President :—" High-handed acts not in general, but only by the police constable in the city of Madras. This question refers to the acts committed by the Madras Police, and any supplementary question must be directed against that act only ".

Irrigation.

Closing of the breaches at Koranjar.

* 2397 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai : With reference to question No. 2267 (a) to (d), regarding the closing of the breaches in the Koranjar between the Maruthuvaneri and Elundrakondan anicuts in Srivilli-puttur taluk, Ramnad district, and answered at the meeting held on 17th July 1926, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the Council table at its next meeting in August 1926 any report received on the subject from the departments concerned ?

A.—The report is still awaited from the Chief Engineer who has called for further particulars from the Superintending Engineer.

Marine.

Motor boats, etc., in use regarding development of the port of Cochin.

* 2398 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many motor or steam launches, dredgers, and boats are in use in connexion with the development of the port of Cochin ;

(b) when they were purchased, at what cost, what repairs and improvements have been made and at what cost, what establishment is employed for each and at what expenditure ; and

(c) what uses they have been put to ?

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A.—The following statement gives the particulars :—

Vessels in use in connexion with the development of the port of Cochin.	Year in which the vessel was purchased or obtained for work at Cochin.	Cost of purchase.	Cost of repairs (yearly average) and improvements effected at Cochin.	Number of men employed on each vessel.	Cost per mensem of establishment given in column (5).	Purposes for which the vessel is used.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
		RS.	RS.		RS.	
1. Launch "Vasco".	Transferred from Public Works Department in 1920.	..	420	2	70	} General service.
2. Do. "Malabar"	1926	13,000	..	4	100	
3. Dredger "Seetief".	Vessel belongs to the Government of India, obtained for Cochin in 1922.	..	25,800 ; 10,700	53	3,300 + rations.	} Dredging.
4. Dredger "Lord Willingdon".	1926	11½ lakhs	..	53	3,900 + rations.	
5. Tug "Kerala".	1926	1¾ lakhs	..	9	503	Towing and laying anchors ; the vessel was also used for the pearl fisheries of 1926 and for salvage work.
6. Ten Stone boats.	1921	235 each.	70 each.	Nil.	..	General transport.
7. Two Dinghies ..	1921	850 each.	100 each.	Nil.	..	} Marine Surveys.
8. Two Anchor boats.	1921	1,400 each.	112 each.	Nil.	..	

* Excludes Customs duty.

Note.—Of the figures in column (4) the sum of Rs. 25,800 shown against item 3 represents the cost of improvements effected to the dredger "Seetief". The other figures in column (4) represent the average annual cost of repairs.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" In the statement furnished there is an item of expenditure for Rs. 25,800 and Rs. 10,700. It is stated that the average annual cost of repairs came to Rs. 25,800, and the improvements effected came to Rs. 10,700. May I ask when these improvements were made ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I want notice of that question ".

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" It is stated that Rs. 10,700 were spent for repairs. It looks that this is an extraordinarily large sum to be spent annually for repairs. So I want to know whether that is correct ".